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SUBJECT: GUINEA-LIBERIA-SIERRA LEONE RELATIONS

REF (A) CONAKRY 1338 (B) MONROVIA 5153

1. FREETOWN UNABLE CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO CLARIFY PURPOSE OF RECENT TRIPS OF TOLBERT TO SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEA AND BEAUVOGUI TO FREETOWN.
LIBERIAN CHARGE CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT TOLBERT VISIT SHORT AND ARRANGED SUDDENLY (TWO HOURS AT LUNGI AIRPORT WHERE MET BY STEVENS, THEN ON TO CONAKRY AND BACK TO MONROVIA SAME DAY) BUT ASSERTED BELIEF THAT STOP IN SIERRA LEONE ONLY FOR PURPOSE OF EXTENDING REGARDS TO STEVENS AND EXPRESSING RELIEF THAT RECENT ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT NIPPED IN BUD. CHARGE CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF PURPOSE TOLBERT VISIT TO CONAKRY.

2. RE OVERNIGHT BEAUVOGUI VISIT TO FREETOWN, LIBERIAN CHARGE TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD HEARD VISIT RESULT OF A RECENT INCIDENT ALONG RIVER BORDER CONFIDENTIAL

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BETWEEN GUINEA AND SIERRA LEONE IN WHICH GUINEAN

AUTHORITIES FORBADE SIERRA LEONEANS FISH ON SIERRA LEONE SIDE AND CROSSED OVER TO ARREST THEM.

3. EMBASSY FREETOWN HAS NO CONFIRMATION OF LIBERIAN CHARGE'S ACCOUNT EITHER MEETING AND HAS HEARD NOTHING ABOUT PROPOSED MUTURAL DEFENSE PACT BETWEEN GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE. OLSON

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